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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small>		Attorney Docket No.	TI-31133
		First Named Inventor or Application Identifier	Antonio L. P. Rotondaro
		Title	Method to Improve the Uniformity and Reduce the Surface Roughness of the Silicon Dielectric Interface
		Express Mail Label No.	EL645458852US

On Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert -This application claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e)(1) of provisional application number 60/247,408 filed 11/10/2000.--

APPLICATION ELEMENTS <small>See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents</small>		ADDRESS TO: <small>Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231</small>	
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3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 USC d113) (3 sets) Total Sheets <b>4</b>		<b>ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS</b>	
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages <b>1</b> ] a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newly Executed (original or copy) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) <small>(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)</small> <b>[Note Box 5 below]</b> i. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</b> <small>Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).</small>		8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & Documents(s))	
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked) <small>The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.</small>		9. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney <small>(when there is an assignee)</small>	
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103	22	203	11	Claims in excess of 20
102	82	202	41	Independent Claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claims in excess of 3
109	82	209	41	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension of time within second month	
117	950	217	475	Extension of time within third month	
118	1,510	218	755	Extension of time within fourth month	
128	2,060	228	1,030	Extension of time within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a pubic use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,320	241	660	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,320	242	660	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	450	243	225	Design issue fee	
144	670	244	335	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	130
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (time number of properties)	
146	790	246	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	790	249	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

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For: METHOD TO IMPROVE THE UNIFORMITY AND REDUCE THE SURFACE ROUGHNESS  
OF THE SILICON DIELECTRIC INTERFACE



PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER UNDER 37 CFR 1.84

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Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to accept black-and-white  
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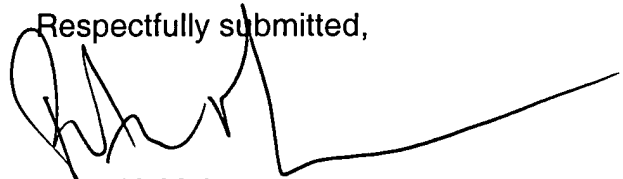
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Enclosed herewith are three sets of drawings including photographs of sufficient  
quality so that all details of the drawings are reproduceable in the printed patent  
application.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the above identified petition be accepted.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter K. McLarty', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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